

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

John P. DeFazio	-	President, Council-At-Large
Nicholas Futules	-	Vice President, District 7
Heather S. Heidelbaugh	-	Council-At-Large
Thomas Baker	-	District 1 (via telephone)
Jan Rea	-	District 2
Edward Kress	-	District 3
Michael J. Finnerty	-	District 4
Sue Means	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Dr. Charles J. Martoni	-	District 8
Robert J. Macey	-	District 9
William Russell Robinson	-	District 10
Terri Klein	-	District 11
James Ellenbogen	-	District 12

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Jack Cambest	-	County Solicitor
Joseph Catanese	-	Director of Constituent Services
Jared Barker	-	Director of Legislative Services
Walter Szymanski	-	Budget Director
Honorable Eleanor L. Bush		

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and remain standing for silent prayer or reflection. After me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

(Moment of prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rae?

MS. RAE: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Thirteen (13) members currently present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. At this time here, I have to present as the Caucus Chair the name of Terri Klein to be voted on. That's the name we're bringing forward. So do you want to go down the list, Joe, roll call for the votes for Terri Klein?

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
(No response.)
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rae?
MS. RAE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Thirteen (13) yes, zero noes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. At this time I'd like Terri Klein to --- we're going to swear you in. If you would come up ---.

MR. CATANESE: To the podium.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Go to the podium. Right there. That's it. Any time you're ready.

JUDGE BUSH: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

JUDGE BUSH: Well, it's my great pleasure, Terri, to perform this duty for you. I'm delighted that you've been appointed to serve out Barbara Daly Danko's term, who I know to be a very good friend of yours, and a wonderful representative of our County Council district, which I'm a resident of myself. So we look forward to the rest of the year, of your good service and diligent work, and now I'm going to swear you in.

Repeat after me --- raise your right hand. I, Terry Klein, ---

MS. KLEIN: I, Terry Klein, ---

JUDGE BUSH: --- do solemnly swear ---

MS. KLEIN: --- do solemnly swear ---
JUDGE BUSH: --- that I will faithfully execute
the office of Member of Council ---
MS. KLEIN: --- that I will faithfully execute
the office of Member of Council ---
JUDGE BUSH: --- of the County of Allegheny, ---
MS. KLEIN: --- of the County of Allegheny, ---
JUDGE BUSH: --- and will to the best of my
ability ---
MS. KLEIN: --- and will to the best of my
ability ---
JUDGE BUSH: --- preserve, ---
MS. KLEIN: --- preserve,
JUDGE BUSH: --- protect, ---
MS. KLEIN: --- protect, ---
JUDGE BUSH: --- defend ---
MS. KLEIN: --- defend ---
JUDGE BUSH: --- and obey ---
MS. KLEIN: --- and obey ---
JUDGE BUSH: --- the Constitution of the United
States ---
MS. KLEIN: --- the Constitution of the United
States ---
JUDGE BUSH: --- and the constitution and laws
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
MS. KLEIN: --- and the constitution and laws of
the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
(Applause.)
JUDGE BUSH: Congratulations, Terri.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Congratulations. I think,
speaking for everyone, we'd all like to congratulate you.
Do you want to say a few words?
MS. KLEIN: Just thank you very much for
considering me and finding me capable of this appointment.
Thank you.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Would you have
--- her have a seat up here? Yeah, come on up front.
(Pictures taken.)
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8984-15.
MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring Ronald
Lawrence, Megan Yunn, Mariah Aquino-Truss, Che Esch,
Darlene Scalese, Carol McCaskey and Juliana Kochis for
being named finalists for Most Outstanding Volunteer of
the Year for the local 2015 Jefferson Awards for Public
Service. Sponsored by Council Member Heidelbaugh, Baker,

DeFazio, Finnerty, Green Hawkins, Kress, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Good evening. It's my distinct pleasure to be here this evening to talk about the Jefferson Awards. I think the last time the Jefferson Awards were handed out in Allegheny County I also presented this proclamation. This is an award that is national in origin and in which we find local members of our community who really serve their fellow citizens above and beyond and are recognized in that regard.

I'm going to first talk about one of the finalists, and then I'm going to talk about the gentleman who was awarded the winner, the Most Outstanding Volunteer.

First, I want to talk about Che Esch of Aspinwall who mowed more than 100 lawns and raised \$5,000 with (sic) a matching grant from the Colcom Foundation and Hillman Foundation turned into \$10,000, toward the purchase of a nine-acre park along the Allegheny River. He spent hundreds of hours helping Aspinwall Riverfront Park take shape. And I spoke to this young man moments ago. His parents are right here. And we don't get fine young people in our community without wonderful parenting. So they also deserve congratulations. This young man had an idea. He went to work. He donated his own labor, his own money, and then went to those in the community and said I want to do something with this parcel of property. I want to make it into a park. Talked to various adults and got this whole project put together.

Why don't we have you now --- I'd like you to tell the citizens of Allegheny County what it is that you did. And he's only a junior in high school.

MR. ESCH: So really this Aspinwall Riverfront Park was a huge group effort. In the, I believe it was the spring of 2011, Susan Crookston had this idea about creating this park with this old Aspinwall Marina that had been used, but the owner was looking to sell it. And she thought it would be a good idea to have a really nice community park right on this wonderful riverfront property. And so she organized a huge fundraising effort. There were so many different projects; lemonade stands, tee shirt sales. There's an annual party that goes on to benefit the park now. So my project was just one component of that. I mowed several lawns throughout the

summer and ended up helping to contribute to the wonderful park that we have today.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay. Do we have Mariah Aquino-Truss here yet? She's probably stuck in traffic. Hopefully, she'll show up.

The finalist was Ronald Lawrence of Franklin Park, who is a founding member and president of 100 Black Men of Western Pennsylvania, which exists to advance opportunities for African-Americans middle school and high school students in the Pittsburgh area. On May 4th, he was selected as the Most Outstanding Volunteer among 48 local Jefferson Award for Public Service winners, and he will represent western Pennsylvania at the National Jefferson Awards Ceremony in Washington DC.

Mr. Lawrence, would you please come up here and describe for us what it is that you do? And thank you so much. You really are contributing to a sector of our community that needs so much help. And we really appreciate it on behalf of all the citizens.

MR. LAWRENCE: Thank you. Good afternoon or good evening. Thank you for having me in. My name is Ron Lawrence. I'm currently the president of the 100 Black Men of Western Pennsylvania that is one local chapter of 110 chapters across the country. We basically spend all of our time --- and this is an all-volunteer organization --- and we mentor our young people who are having issues in school and who need help. This local chapter was formed in 1987. I'm an original founder, so we've been doing this for 29 years. Again, all volunteers, and we work with the kids during the school year, 37 weeks during the school year.

Also, we have a summer program at Carnegie Mellon University which just kicked off this week. That summer program consists of a computer session where the kids are given high doses of computer literacy projects to make themselves more computer literate. That program just started this week over at CMU, and it will go on for ten weeks. The last month of that program, the kids will spend a half a day in class and a half a day for the first two weeks at a company using their skills. And then the last month --- the last two weeks, I'm sorry, they will spend a whole day at a company using their skills. This is a paid internship at that point. So we're trying to give them a combination of the learning that they're

getting as well as earning an income which is what is needed, of course, in the summertime here for our kids.

We've been doing this, as I said, for 29 years. We focus on four different areas. We're focused in --- primary focus, number one focus, is education. Now, we focus on getting our kids to the point where they understand how important it is to get an education in today's environment. And that's what our main focus is throughout the year. But we also have three other focuses. And that is we give them some cultural exposure. We take them on field trips. We just got back from IUP University where we visited the Wall Street floor. There's a Wall Street floor at IUP that simulates Wall Street itself. So our kids get a heavy dose --- and also during our school year, of finance and investments, you know, how to save your money, how to write checks, how to set up checking accounts. We take them over to PNC. PNC has been gracious enough to work with us, bring our kids in and teach them all about basic banking, basic investing and going from there.

And then we end up the year with an African-American history contest which we do in concert with the Pittsburgh Public Schools and Dr. Lane. And we actually bring in all the public school middle kids --- middle school kids, African-American kids, all the high school kids. So that's 9 high schools, 21 middle schools. And we go through an African-American cultural event consisting of a history contest where they have to learn and talk about their history and know something about their history. So we get a --- you know, we get a broad brush.

We've been doing this, again, for 29 years. The history program has been going on for 20 years. We've been at Carnegie Mellon for 15 years. And we do everything that we do to try and get them interested and focused on how important it is to get an education and be educated and put something up here that will help them get on with their lives and their futures. Okay.

So we thank you for the award. We thank you for the Proclamation today and we will certainly represent you well in Washington DC. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Let me just read the proclamation, then we'll have our picture taken.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Awards are a prestigious national recognition system honoring individuals for their achievements and contributions through community and public service.

AND WHEREAS, Highmark and BNY Mellon join the Pittsburgh Post Gazette to recognize the unsung heroes of the Pittsburgh region by sponsoring the 2015 awards.

AND WHEREAS, Ronald Lawrence, Megan Yunn, Mariah Aquion-Truss, Che Esch, Darlene Scalese, Carol McCaskey and Juliana Kochis, who could not make it this evening, have been named finalists for Most Outstanding Volunteer for the local 2015 Jefferson Award for public service.

AND WHEREAS, a collection of local agencies and foundations will donate \$1,000 on behalf of each finalist to the charity that he or she represents.

BE IT RESOLVED that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, do hereby congratulate you on being named a finalist and we thank you for your contributions.

On behalf of all of the citizens of Allegheny County for your selfless work for so many years for people who are so needy in the community, I thank you and all the citizens I represent thank you. And for you, who are going to live a great life and help so many people, thank you so much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8985-15 and the rest will be read into the record.

MR. CATANESE: Certificate of Achievement congratulating the 48 talented young professionals that graduated from the 22nd Cohort of Leadership Development Initiative, LDI, a program of Leadership Pittsburgh, Incorporated,. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

8986-15. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. David and Betty Nobbs upon the momentous occasion of their 67th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Public Comment, we have none; right?

MR. CATANESE: Right.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Approval of Minutes. 8987-15.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Allegheny County Council held on May 5th, 2015.

MR. FINNERTY: So moved.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none ---.

MR. FUTULES: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing no more, we'll have a voice vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Presentation of Appointments. 8982-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Anthony J. Ross to serve as a member of the Regional Asset District Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Appointment Review Committee. 8983-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of John Palmiere to serve as a member of Community College of Allegheny County Board, CCAC Board, for a term to expire on April 23rd, 2021. Sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Appointment Review Committee.

Unfinished Business, Committee on Economic Development and Housing, Second Reading. 8889-15.

MR. CATANESE: a Resolution of the County Council of Allegheny County approving an amendment to the Clinton Industrial Park Phase I and II Tax Increment Financing Plan and authorizing related actions. Sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Amanda isn't here, so Representative Mike Finnerty will speak.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. This was released from committee with a positive recommendation, an affirmative recommendation, and I make a motion to approve.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

MR. CATANESE: We do a roll call.

MR. FINNERTY: Got to do a roll call.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm sorry, roll call vote.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes, but you missed Ms.

Klein.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
(No response.)
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?
MS. KLEIN: Abstention.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rae?
MS. RAE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 13; noes, 0 and 1
abstention. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8890-15.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the County Council of Allegheny County creating the Clinton Commerce Park Phase II Tax Increment Financing District and authorizing related actions. Sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. Again, this was released from committee with an affirmative and a positive recommendation, and I make a motion for approval.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll have a roll call vote.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
(No response.)
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?
MS. KLEIN: Abstention.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rae?
MS. RAE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 13; noes, 0 and 1
abstention. The bill passes.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8891-15.
MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the County
Council of Allegheny County creating the McClaren Road Tax
Increment Financing District and authorizing related
actions. Sponsored by the chief executive.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Again, this was released from
committee with a position and affirmative recommendation,
and I make a motion for approval.
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Second.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none,
we'll have a roll call vote.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: My pencil broke.
MR. BAKER: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: I got it.
MR. BAKER: Okay. Thank you.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
(No response.)
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?
MS. KLEIN: Abstention.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rae?
MS. RAE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 13; noes, 0 and 1
abstention. The bill passes.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Liaison Reports.
We'll start with Mr. --- Representative Futules.
MR. FUTULES: Okay. I have a couple. A couple
of announcements for South Park. On June 10th, 6:30, we
will be having the flag retirement ceremony again. I
don't know what anniversary this is, but we've been doing
it for several years now.
And also, on June 13th ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: June 10th?

MR. FUTULES: June 10th, that's the first one. On June 13th, which is Saturday, they're going to have an area near the swimming pool and ice rink or in the parking lot where you can return old, wood-burning stoves that you may not want any more. Bring them back to the County and they will take those and do away with them. Thank you. That's all.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: I think she was ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Who was first up this way?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Jan.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. RAE: Thank you. I just wanted to announce that the airport has started service with Uber. So that's another way the airport is moving forward to make traveling more friendly. So I just wanted everyone to know that, that they're starting, I think, today at five o'clock. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes. I just want to take a minute and tell everyone how much I miss Barbara Daly Danko. I know we spoke about it at our last meeting, but I miss her every time I walk past her office. I miss her because she loved the rule of law. I miss her because she understood that to have good government, every voice had --- everyone should have a seat at the table and every voice should be heard. And I read in the paper that Chelsa and Fitzgerald have made up and they're friends, so I'm hoping that --- on County Council, the thing I loved about Barbara so much was she respected everyone. And she could agree to disagree. She never made it personal. She never was disrespectful. So as Chelsa and Fitzgerald have looked like they have made up, I'm hoping that there'll be a new era in Barbara's memory of respect amongst the County Council members for each other. So thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Anyone else up here?
Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. A couple of things. On the Sunday before Memorial Day, I had the pleasure of going down attending the Community Day down at Castle Shannon. It was just a wonderful day. It was a beautiful day. I'll tell you, they have a connection up there somewhere because I haven't been to one yet that's had bad weather. It was beautiful down

there. I had a --- and just a wonderful afternoon, and I was glad to be there.

And the day following that, on Memorial Day, I had the honor at being out at Clairton for their Memorial Day ceremony, and it was another beautiful day, a beautiful morning out there. And they really did the men and women, the fallen men and women of our nation, justice that morning. I was proud to be there.

And one other thing, Mr. President. The Port Authority's current 44 ride has been extended to service to Baldwin community. The ride is being extended for Mountain Road, Wagner, Becks Run, Agnew through Cloverfield, then turning onto Spencer en route to the Churchview Garden Apartments. These extended routes will run approximately every 30 minutes Monday through Friday. Our route options were considered, but were found to be not feasible for several reasons, one being cost. Also, --- the other ride options were. Also, due to state and PennDOT restrictions, the Port Authority cannot create new routes. This was why the 44 has been modified and extended in place of the creation of a new route. Thanks to the Port Authority and the great people they have in place to analyze the options and to make the difficult decisions about which routes will be modified with the limited resources available to them.

I'd also like to thank the community members and the groups who advocated and tirelessly fought for the restorations that we have now achieved.

I just wanted to mention that, Mr. President. That was very important for Baldwin Borough. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you. Last Saturday I participated again this season in a program called the Great Garden Giveaway, Produce to People distribution, which is in conjunction with the Food Bank. We're going to do it again this Saturday. It's at the VFD Number 2 Social Hall, 845 Talbot Avenue, Braddock, from 10:00 to 12:00. And the great thing about this program is we give away free tomato plants, free peppers, zucchini, that sort of thing. And the idea is, again, to grow your own food, and then if you have a little extra, give it to your neighbor who doesn't have so much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Representative Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I'd just like to recall a few things here, that tomorrow in the courtyard here, there's going to be something called Bee Wise and Plant Native. And it's from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m., and they're going to show different native plants that you could use and which will help our bees. And also, they're going to have a taste of Penn State ice cream there, also. So if you get a chance, stop in the courtyard between 11:00 and 1:00.

Also, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy in Carnegie at Lydia Street --- I'm sorry, in Carnegie, Mansfield Boulevard and Campbell's Run Road, is --- that's tomorrow, Wednesday, the 3rd, at 6:00 p.m., they're doing a planting of different flowering plants to beautify that area in Robinson Township, the Parkway West, and 22, 30 and 60 Interchange. Saturday, June the 6th, at 9:30 a.m., they are also doing a planting. So if you're interested in helping out, they could sure use your help.

Also, I'd like to put a plug in for Soldiers and Sailors which at Hartwood Acres June the 27th and 28th, they're going to do the passing of the armies. And it's going to be an event that's going to be a reenactment of Civil War events. And if you can get out there, it will be something that you will remember. And that's all I have.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Seeing no --- oh.

MR. FUTULES: One more thing.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Go ahead, Representative Futules.

MR. FUTULES: I forgot. The parks have announced all of the free concerts that will be going on in South Park and Hartwood Acres. So you should go to the County website and parks and see all the wonderful groups that we have this year. And I actually plan to attend some of them myself. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Go ahead.

MR. FINNERTY: I wanted to mention something. I don't know if Councilman Palmiere mentioned about the Port Authority, that they not only extended a Baldwin bus, but they also --- Groveton is being extended. And they're doing another route, and I can't think of what it is at the moment, but they have extended a number of routes. And these people also have been needing a bus. I believe it's the RDIC (sic), my --- I think that's what it is.

MR. CATANESE: Yeah. It's the RIDC in O'Hara Township.

MR. FINNERTY: In O'Hara Township, they're going to have a bus going there also. So they've done quite a number of changes there for people. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. 8988-15.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the acceptance of a donation of materials from the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation and Highmark, Incorporated for the construction of a deck hockey rink to be located in the County's South Park. Sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go the Parks Committee. Public Comment on ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I have --- you skipped New Business motions.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I have a motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: May I speak to this briefly?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: This was some background before we get started. So I met this really interesting gentleman in the Strip District a couple --- about a month ago. And he was spray painting a picture of a young Andrew Carnegie. And so I got into a conversation with him, and he is interested in donating some of his ability around Allegheny County to sort of celebrate and commemorate some of our foremothers and forefathers. So I was working with Lori Sakkar (phonetic) to try to figure out how we could hook this gentleman up with some available spaces. And he wants to do his first installation --- he would do it gratis for the people of Allegheny County. And what she discovered was that on September 6th, 2005, County Council had passed a bill, 1728-04, which established a policy providing for an allocation for public art when the County provides capital funding through direct appropriation, subsidy or deferment of taxes.

And it also sets up a board, and the board is supposed to consist of nine members. Five members of the arts board shall be appointed by the County Council, four members shall be appointed by the chief executive, with the consent of at least a three --- at least a majority of the seated members of County Council. And as my motion

states, it appears that while there was a couple of appointments, it really didn't get going. I think it was originally sponsored by Mr. Robinson and by a former member, Mr. Price. It was signed into law by former President Fitzgerald and County Executive Onorato. And basically --- this is just a kind of bird's eye view of it --- we've probably not appropriated about a million dollars worth of money that is supposed to come out of the projects for public art.

And so this is already law. It's already on the books. But we have never put together the council. We don't have a board's members. And I thought that this would be a great thing to discuss, get it into committee and discuss it because I think, as I've said many times, you know, Allegheny County is not your grandfather's county any more. This is a place where young people are coming. This is a place where --- I like to say it has everything that New York has, only better. And it's going to be a great place to live and part of a great place to live is having public art. And we've already thought this through. We've already passed it. And so we just need to kind of get going on it. And it's --- our county is ready for this. We're ready to make this public art installation and to make this a really intriguing place to live and for people to come.

So I think I might have a second.

MS. MEANS: Yes. I wanted to second the motion.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And I'd like to ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, I'm going to put it to committee.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Put it to committee, yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll just put it in committee.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yeah. Okay.

MR. CATANESE: Can I read the caption?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. CATANESE: It's a motion of Council of Allegheny County. It's expressing the sense of Council of Allegheny County calling for necessary appointments to be made to the Public Arts Board of Allegheny County directed by Chapter 207 of the Code of Ordinances and calling for the organization and staffing of the Board so that the Public Arts requirement may be fulfilled according to County law. Sponsored by Council member Heidelbaugh.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We'll put that in the Public Works Committee unless somebody has an objection of putting it in committee. We'll put it right in committee. Okay. That'll go to committee then.

Next, we have non-agenda speakers. The first speaker is David Adams. Not here? Julia Johnson?

MS. JOHNSON: I'm here. Hello. Hi. My name is Julia Johnson. I'm with New Voices Pittsburgh, as well as the Allegheny County Jail Health Justice Project.

We have been advocating for about five months now for justice at the county jail which is suffering through a human rights violation crisis right now. We've spoken on this before at the Council, and I just wanted to give some updates on our progress with the project as it relates to the County as a whole.

For everybody in our community who ends up there and unfortunately suffers because of medical neglect. We have had protests and rallies, you know, really calling attention to the crisis at the jail. We have gotten into contact with many people whose loved ones are currently at the jail and are suffering. They have been asking us, begging us, to advocate on behalf of their loved ones.

We just had a protest last week at the jail where multiple people came up to us saying that they were currently, you know, fighting tooth and nail to get their loved ones the medicine that they needed, everything from stale seizure medication, you know, from, you know, their anti-psychotic medicine that they have not received for months. We have people who have been released from the jail and are suffering health consequences as a result of their time at the jail.

So this continues to be a crisis, and although our rally was taking place after County Council --- County Executive Rich Fitzgerald announced that the contract with Corizon Health was going to not be renewed and that they were seeking new healthcare providers, our project still says that it is not enough, that more needs to be done immediately, because in the months between now and August that the Corizon contract is going to be ushered out, there are still people suffering at the jail. So we are calling on all our representatives to act immediately and intervene on behalf of all the people suffering at the jail and their loved ones.

I have people with me tonight, Ms. Tomi Lynn Harris, whose son died in January at the jail, who did not

get his seizure medication after begging and asking for it for hours. He did not receive it, and as a result he died. So as we are advocating for people who are still suffering at the jail and for people who have died as a result of medical neglect, we're asking County Council to call for a public hearing so that people at the jail, their loved ones can testify as to what is happening at the jail, because it goes beyond Corizon.

It is also the COs at the jail, the warden, who is allowing --- who --- actually intervening and stopping medicine from being dispensed, who are stopping nurses from doing their jobs. So this is a serious human rights violation happening at our county jail, and we are just asking for every Council Member, for all of our elected officials, to act immediately and to help us in this crisis state. So thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We have two more speakers, but let me say this before I read them. I received, I don't know, 150, I didn't count them, 200 letters, and in the letter it states that they want help --- send a letter to me. They want help in getting rid of Corizon. I personally went to Rich Fitzgerald, and he agreed they're going to do something, which they're living up to that. But to let you people know, we don't control or work on contracts. That's not our job. But we will speak --- I'll speak for myself, for openers, but we will try to speak in your behalf like I've done already to try to help the situation as much as we can. But that job, as far as contracts and who's --- how they operate and what you --- getting in on it, we don't handle that. We --- but I did go to Rich and he agreed and he lived up to what he said, so ---.

Yes.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I think we have a rule that if we do respond to a speaker, then every member of Council gets to speak as well.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We don't --- I don't think we have any kind of rule like that in our ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: We do. We went through this before.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: What?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: We went thorough this before. Usually, we're not allowed to address, but if one of us does, then everyone gets a chance, so I'd like a chance.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Would you address that? I don't think there's a rule that states that.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No, you ---

MR. CAMBEST: I don't believe there is a rule ---

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: --- said that.

MR. CAMBEST: --- that we said that. But I think what was discussed was you could ask the President of Council to speak to them.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: May I speak?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, yes. I'll give you the --- I'm going to give you that opportunity to speak.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: But I tried to tell you, we don't have a rule like that, but go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you. I disagree with what the Council President just said. Contracts, of course, are controlled by the County Executive, but this Council can address human rights violations. This Council, each of us took an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States. And if there is violations of the Constitution in terms of prisoners who are not being accorded proper medical care, we all can address that. We can address it at any time. So that really is not accurate.

And I did respond to one of your members who asked me to co-sponsor a piece of legislation or a resolution to have a hearing about that. I said, yes, I'm happy to do that. I think we should have more conversations. And I also don't think we should --- to wait until the Corizon contract is expired. If there are people who are dying in the jail, we need to fix it yesterday.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let me correct one thing. I said we do not handle contracts or negotiate contracts. Okay? As far as --- like you said, as far as someone passing away or things of that nature, we could address it. But I was talking about the contracts. I have letters on --- asking to get rid of Corizon. I couldn't get rid of them or Council couldn't, but I went to Fitzgerald and he did. That's what I'm talking about.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: But we haven't gotten rid of ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Heather, I have to --- look, you have to follow the rules.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: May I speak?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes. Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: We haven't gotten rid of Corizon. What we said was we're not going to re-up a contract with them. We have --- as far as I understand from the --- from what I know, which is what I read in the papers --- I don't get any special information --- I don't know what it is that Allegheny County is doing to supplement the horrible care that Corizon is giving. Corizon was able to get the contract because they pulled all the doctors out. Okay? We have the highest rate of deaths in the country, and I don't know what it is that our administration is doing to get in there and stop this. I still don't know.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just want to make a ---. Because you know, we're kind of looking at this thing from a blind eye, to be honest with you. I mean, there is aspersions being cast. It's my understanding that there is a committee that is chaired by Judge Williams; correct?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: They have a jail board --- once a month.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: So what I was thinking, perhaps maybe if Council would ask for a report from the meetings that they have, it might add some substance and some reality to what is being said here or what's being guessed here. It's just a thought. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, yeah, there's a big meeting Thursday. But go ahead. Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Judge Williams has been before the Budget and Finance Committee, and he's --- will be back in about a month before us again. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: And also, there's a meeting with him on Thursday. Okay. Seeing no more questions on that, let's go with Tomi Lynn Harris.

MS. HARRIS: My name is Tomi Lynn Harris, and first of all, I would just like to appreciate everybody for even listening. You know, you set on that board and some of you all look dismayed. That was my child. I see you, Mr. Robinson, ride through the hill. You know, everybody acts like this subject is taboo. I lost a whole child about two pills. Two pills that he begged for when he came in. Begged for when he was there. And thanks to the great warden and Joe Williams, that's being neglected. My son should still be here. I'm a taxpayer, and I would

not mind taking commissary and a collect phone call. But I didn't get that option. I had no press from the City besides for the City paper. I had to go to The Guardian in Bloomgard (phonetic) to get light on this situation. I go to those meetings all the time with Joe Williams. He talks to me like I'm a animal. Shut up. No. This. That. Barks at me. Is that how the Council is supposed to work? I'm there for solutions. I want to find out what happened to my son. I want to know how you all would feel being handcuffed, shackled, a mask put on your face and then rolled over and you're unresponsive. You got more --- you gave more, Ellenbergen (sic), on the deer the last time I was here than my son. None of ya'll come to that meeting. None of ya'll are making Joe Williams be accountable for what he said. How many more deaths? So far there's been four. I come here all the time. Mental health is attacked. They are being attacked over there. You have a warden and a judge, so I want to say it like this. Blue shirts, white shirts, black roads.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: You can keep talking.

MR. FINNERTY: You're not done.

MS. HARRIS: They need to be held accountable. I feel like my son was a campaign contribution to everyone that sits here. How many more campaign contributions are we going to do before somebody says not one more? I love my son despite what ya'll write about him and what ya'll think about him. He was still a human being. He was still my son, and I miss him. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Bret Grote. Is Bret here?

MS. HARRIS: No.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. All right. Does someone want to make a motion to adjourn?

MR. PALMIERE: I make a motion.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:50 P.M.

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REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

John P. DeFazio	-	President, Council-At-Large
Nicholas Futules	-	Vice President, District 7
Heather S. Heidelbaugh	-	Council-At-Large
Thomas Baker	-	District 1 (via telephone)
Jan Rea	-	District 2
Edward Kress	-	District 3
Michael J. Finnerty	-	District 4
Sue Means	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Dr. Charles J. Martoni	-	District 8
Robert J. Macey	-	District 9
William Russell Robinson	-	District 10
Terri Klein	-	District 11
James Ellenbogen	-	District 12

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Jack Cambest	-	County Solicitor
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Jared Barker	-	Director of Legislative Services
Walter Szymanski	-	Budget Director
Honorable Eleanor L. Bush		

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and remain standing for silent prayer or reflection. After me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

(Moment of prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rae?

MS. RAE: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Thirteen (13) members currently present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. At this time here, I have to present as the Caucus Chair the name of Terri Klein to be voted on. That's the name we're bringing forward. So do you want to go down the list, Joe, roll call for the votes for Terri Klein?

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
(No response.)
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rae?
MS. RAE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Thirteen (13) yes, zero noes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. At this time I'd like Terri Klein to --- we're going to swear you in. If you would come up ---.

MR. CATANESE: To the podium.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Go to the podium. Right there. That's it. Any time you're ready.

JUDGE BUSH: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

JUDGE BUSH: Well, it's my great pleasure, Terri, to perform this duty for you. I'm delighted that you've been appointed to serve out Barbara Daly Danko's term, who I know to be a very good friend of yours, and a wonderful representative of our County Council district, which I'm a resident of myself. So we look forward to the rest of the year, of your good service and diligent work, and now I'm going to swear you in.

Repeat after me --- raise your right hand. I, Terry Klein, ---

MS. KLEIN: I, Terry Klein, ---

JUDGE BUSH: --- do solemnly swear ---

MS. KLEIN: --- do solemnly swear ---
JUDGE BUSH: --- that I will faithfully execute
the office of Member of Council ---
MS. KLEIN: --- that I will faithfully execute
the office of Member of Council ---
JUDGE BUSH: --- of the County of Allegheny, ---
MS. KLEIN: --- of the County of Allegheny, ---
JUDGE BUSH: --- and will to the best of my
ability ---
MS. KLEIN: --- and will to the best of my
ability ---
JUDGE BUSH: --- preserve, ---
MS. KLEIN: --- preserve,
JUDGE BUSH: --- protect, ---
MS. KLEIN: --- protect, ---
JUDGE BUSH: --- defend ---
MS. KLEIN: --- defend ---
JUDGE BUSH: --- and obey ---
MS. KLEIN: --- and obey ---
JUDGE BUSH: --- the Constitution of the United
States ---
MS. KLEIN: --- the Constitution of the United
States ---
JUDGE BUSH: --- and the constitution and laws
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
MS. KLEIN: --- and the constitution and laws of
the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
(Applause.)
JUDGE BUSH: Congratulations, Terri.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Congratulations. I think,
speaking for everyone, we'd all like to congratulate you.
Do you want to say a few words?
MS. KLEIN: Just thank you very much for
considering me and finding me capable of this appointment.
Thank you.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Would you have
--- her have a seat up here? Yeah, come on up front.
(Pictures taken.)
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8984-15.
MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring Ronald
Lawrence, Megan Yunn, Mariah Aquino-Truss, Che Esch,
Darlene Scalese, Carol McCaskey and Juliana Kochis for
being named finalists for Most Outstanding Volunteer of
the Year for the local 2015 Jefferson Awards for Public
Service. Sponsored by Council Member Heidelbaugh, Baker,

DeFazio, Finnerty, Green Hawkins, Kress, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Good evening. It's my distinct pleasure to be here this evening to talk about the Jefferson Awards. I think the last time the Jefferson Awards were handed out in Allegheny County I also presented this proclamation. This is an award that is national in origin and in which we find local members of our community who really serve their fellow citizens above and beyond and are recognized in that regard.

I'm going to first talk about one of the finalists, and then I'm going to talk about the gentleman who was awarded the winner, the Most Outstanding Volunteer.

First, I want to talk about Che Esch of Aspinwall who mowed more than 100 lawns and raised \$5,000 with (sic) a matching grant from the Colcom Foundation and Hillman Foundation turned into \$10,000, toward the purchase of a nine-acre park along the Allegheny River. He spent hundreds of hours helping Aspinwall Riverfront Park take shape. And I spoke to this young man moments ago. His parents are right here. And we don't get fine young people in our community without wonderful parenting. So they also deserve congratulations. This young man had an idea. He went to work. He donated his own labor, his own money, and then went to those in the community and said I want to do something with this parcel of property. I want to make it into a park. Talked to various adults and got this whole project put together.

Why don't we have you now --- I'd like you to tell the citizens of Allegheny County what it is that you did. And he's only a junior in high school.

MR. ESCH: So really this Aspinwall Riverfront Park was a huge group effort. In the, I believe it was the spring of 2011, Susan Crookston had this idea about creating this park with this old Aspinwall Marina that had been used, but the owner was looking to sell it. And she thought it would be a good idea to have a really nice community park right on this wonderful riverfront property. And so she organized a huge fundraising effort. There were so many different projects; lemonade stands, tee shirt sales. There's an annual party that goes on to benefit the park now. So my project was just one component of that. I mowed several lawns throughout the

summer and ended up helping to contribute to the wonderful park that we have today.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay. Do we have Mariah Aquino-Truss here yet? She's probably stuck in traffic. Hopefully, she'll show up.

The finalist was Ronald Lawrence of Franklin Park, who is a founding member and president of 100 Black Men of Western Pennsylvania, which exists to advance opportunities for African-Americans middle school and high school students in the Pittsburgh area. On May 4th, he was selected as the Most Outstanding Volunteer among 48 local Jefferson Award for Public Service winners, and he will represent western Pennsylvania at the National Jefferson Awards Ceremony in Washington DC.

Mr. Lawrence, would you please come up here and describe for us what it is that you do? And thank you so much. You really are contributing to a sector of our community that needs so much help. And we really appreciate it on behalf of all the citizens.

MR. LAWRENCE: Thank you. Good afternoon or good evening. Thank you for having me in. My name is Ron Lawrence. I'm currently the president of the 100 Black Men of Western Pennsylvania that is one local chapter of 110 chapters across the country. We basically spend all of our time --- and this is an all-volunteer organization --- and we mentor our young people who are having issues in school and who need help. This local chapter was formed in 1987. I'm an original founder, so we've been doing this for 29 years. Again, all volunteers, and we work with the kids during the school year, 37 weeks during the school year.

Also, we have a summer program at Carnegie Mellon University which just kicked off this week. That summer program consists of a computer session where the kids are given high doses of computer literacy projects to make themselves more computer literate. That program just started this week over at CMU, and it will go on for ten weeks. The last month of that program, the kids will spend a half a day in class and a half a day for the first two weeks at a company using their skills. And then the last month --- the last two weeks, I'm sorry, they will spend a whole day at a company using their skills. This is a paid internship at that point. So we're trying to give them a combination of the learning that they're

getting as well as earning an income which is what is needed, of course, in the summertime here for our kids.

We've been doing this, as I said, for 29 years. We focus on four different areas. We're focused in --- primary focus, number one focus, is education. Now, we focus on getting our kids to the point where they understand how important it is to get an education in today's environment. And that's what our main focus is throughout the year. But we also have three other focuses. And that is we give them some cultural exposure. We take them on field trips. We just got back from IUP University where we visited the Wall Street floor. There's a Wall Street floor at IUP that simulates Wall Street itself. So our kids get a heavy dose --- and also during our school year, of finance and investments, you know, how to save your money, how to write checks, how to set up checking accounts. We take them over to PNC. PNC has been gracious enough to work with us, bring our kids in and teach them all about basic banking, basic investing and going from there.

And then we end up the year with an African-American history contest which we do in concert with the Pittsburgh Public Schools and Dr. Lane. And we actually bring in all the public school middle kids --- middle school kids, African-American kids, all the high school kids. So that's 9 high schools, 21 middle schools. And we go through an African-American cultural event consisting of a history contest where they have to learn and talk about their history and know something about their history. So we get a --- you know, we get a broad brush.

We've been doing this, again, for 29 years. The history program has been going on for 20 years. We've been at Carnegie Mellon for 15 years. And we do everything that we do to try and get them interested and focused on how important it is to get an education and be educated and put something up here that will help them get on with their lives and their futures. Okay.

So we thank you for the award. We thank you for the Proclamation today and we will certainly represent you well in Washington DC. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Let me just read the proclamation, then we'll have our picture taken.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Awards are a prestigious national recognition system honoring individuals for their achievements and contributions through community and public service.

AND WHEREAS, Highmark and BNY Mellon join the Pittsburgh Post Gazette to recognize the unsung heroes of the Pittsburgh region by sponsoring the 2015 awards.

AND WHEREAS, Ronald Lawrence, Megan Yunn, Mariah Aquion-Truss, Che Esch, Darlene Scalese, Carol McCaskey and Juliana Kochis, who could not make it this evening, have been named finalists for Most Outstanding Volunteer for the local 2015 Jefferson Award for public service.

AND WHEREAS, a collection of local agencies and foundations will donate \$1,000 on behalf of each finalist to the charity that he or she represents.

BE IT RESOLVED that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, do hereby congratulate you on being named a finalist and we thank you for your contributions.

On behalf of all of the citizens of Allegheny County for your selfless work for so many years for people who are so needy in the community, I thank you and all the citizens I represent thank you. And for you, who are going to live a great life and help so many people, thank you so much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8985-15 and the rest will be read into the record.

MR. CATANESE: Certificate of Achievement congratulating the 48 talented young professionals that graduated from the 22nd Cohort of Leadership Development Initiative, LDI, a program of Leadership Pittsburgh, Incorporated,. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

8986-15. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. David and Betty Nobbs upon the momentous occasion of their 67th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Public Comment, we have none; right?

MR. CATANESE: Right.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Approval of Minutes. 8987-15.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Allegheny County Council held on May 5th, 2015.

MR. FINNERTY: So moved.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none ---.

MR. FUTULES: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing no more, we'll have a voice vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Presentation of Appointments. 8982-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Anthony J. Ross to serve as a member of the Regional Asset District Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Appointment Review Committee. 8983-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of John Palmiere to serve as a member of Community College of Allegheny County Board, CCAC Board, for a term to expire on April 23rd, 2021. Sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Appointment Review Committee.

Unfinished Business, Committee on Economic Development and Housing, Second Reading. 8889-15.

MR. CATANESE: a Resolution of the County Council of Allegheny County approving an amendment to the Clinton Industrial Park Phase I and II Tax Increment Financing Plan and authorizing related actions. Sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Amanda isn't here, so Representative Mike Finnerty will speak.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. This was released from committee with a positive recommendation, an affirmative recommendation, and I make a motion to approve.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

MR. CATANESE: We do a roll call.

MR. FINNERTY: Got to do a roll call.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm sorry, roll call vote.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes, but you missed Ms.

Klein.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
(No response.)
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?
MS. KLEIN: Abstention.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rae?
MS. RAE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 13; noes, 0 and 1
abstention. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8890-15.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the County Council of Allegheny County creating the Clinton Commerce Park Phase II Tax Increment Financing District and authorizing related actions. Sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. Again, this was released from committee with an affirmative and a positive recommendation, and I make a motion for approval.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll have a roll call vote.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
(No response.)
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?
MS. KLEIN: Abstention.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rae?
MS. RAE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 13; noes, 0 and 1
abstention. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8891-15.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the County
Council of Allegheny County creating the McClaren Road Tax
Increment Financing District and authorizing related
actions. Sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Again, this was released from
committee with a position and affirmative recommendation,
and I make a motion for approval.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none,
we'll have a roll call vote.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: My pencil broke.
MR. BAKER: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: I got it.
MR. BAKER: Okay. Thank you.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
(No response.)
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?
MS. KLEIN: Abstention.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rae?
MS. RAE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 13; noes, 0 and 1
abstention. The bill passes.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Liaison Reports.
We'll start with Mr. --- Representative Futules.
MR. FUTULES: Okay. I have a couple. A couple
of announcements for South Park. On June 10th, 6:30, we
will be having the flag retirement ceremony again. I
don't know what anniversary this is, but we've been doing
it for several years now.
And also, on June 13th ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: June 10th?

MR. FUTULES: June 10th, that's the first one. On June 13th, which is Saturday, they're going to have an area near the swimming pool and ice rink or in the parking lot where you can return old, wood-burning stoves that you may not want any more. Bring them back to the County and they will take those and do away with them. Thank you. That's all.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: I think she was ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Who was first up this way?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Jan.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. RAE: Thank you. I just wanted to announce that the airport has started service with Uber. So that's another way the airport is moving forward to make traveling more friendly. So I just wanted everyone to know that, that they're starting, I think, today at five o'clock. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes. I just want to take a minute and tell everyone how much I miss Barbara Daly Danko. I know we spoke about it at our last meeting, but I miss her every time I walk past her office. I miss her because she loved the rule of law. I miss her because she understood that to have good government, every voice had --- everyone should have a seat at the table and every voice should be heard. And I read in the paper that Chelsa and Fitzgerald have made up and they're friends, so I'm hoping that --- on County Council, the thing I loved about Barbara so much was she respected everyone. And she could agree to disagree. She never made it personal. She never was disrespectful. So as Chelsa and Fitzgerald have looked like they have made up, I'm hoping that there'll be a new era in Barbara's memory of respect amongst the County Council members for each other. So thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Anyone else up here?
Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. A couple of things. On the Sunday before Memorial Day, I had the pleasure of going down attending the Community Day down at Castle Shannon. It was just a wonderful day. It was a beautiful day. I'll tell you, they have a connection up there somewhere because I haven't been to one yet that's had bad weather. It was beautiful down

there. I had a --- and just a wonderful afternoon, and I was glad to be there.

And the day following that, on Memorial Day, I had the honor at being out at Clairton for their Memorial Day ceremony, and it was another beautiful day, a beautiful morning out there. And they really did the men and women, the fallen men and women of our nation, justice that morning. I was proud to be there.

And one other thing, Mr. President. The Port Authority's current 44 ride has been extended to service to Baldwin community. The ride is being extended for Mountain Road, Wagner, Becks Run, Agnew through Cloverfield, then turning onto Spencer en route to the Churchview Garden Apartments. These extended routes will run approximately every 30 minutes Monday through Friday. Our route options were considered, but were found to be not feasible for several reasons, one being cost. Also, --- the other ride options were. Also, due to state and PennDOT restrictions, the Port Authority cannot create new routes. This was why the 44 has been modified and extended in place of the creation of a new route. Thanks to the Port Authority and the great people they have in place to analyze the options and to make the difficult decisions about which routes will be modified with the limited resources available to them.

I'd also like to thank the community members and the groups who advocated and tirelessly fought for the restorations that we have now achieved.

I just wanted to mention that, Mr. President. That was very important for Baldwin Borough. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you. Last Saturday I participated again this season in a program called the Great Garden Giveaway, Produce to People distribution, which is in conjunction with the Food Bank. We're going to do it again this Saturday. It's at the VFD Number 2 Social Hall, 845 Talbot Avenue, Braddock, from 10:00 to 12:00. And the great thing about this program is we give away free tomato plants, free peppers, zucchini, that sort of thing. And the idea is, again, to grow your own food, and then if you have a little extra, give it to your neighbor who doesn't have so much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Representative Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I'd just like to recall a few things here, that tomorrow in the courtyard here, there's going to be something called Bee Wise and Plant Native. And it's from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m., and they're going to show different native plants that you could use and which will help our bees. And also, they're going to have a taste of Penn State ice cream there, also. So if you get a chance, stop in the courtyard between 11:00 and 1:00.

Also, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy in Carnegie at Lydia Street --- I'm sorry, in Carnegie, Mansfield Boulevard and Campbell's Run Road, is --- that's tomorrow, Wednesday, the 3rd, at 6:00 p.m., they're doing a planting of different flowering plants to beautify that area in Robinson Township, the Parkway West, and 22, 30 and 60 Interchange. Saturday, June the 6th, at 9:30 a.m., they are also doing a planting. So if you're interested in helping out, they could sure use your help.

Also, I'd like to put a plug in for Soldiers and Sailors which at Hartwood Acres June the 27th and 28th, they're going to do the passing of the armies. And it's going to be an event that's going to be a reenactment of Civil War events. And if you can get out there, it will be something that you will remember. And that's all I have.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Seeing no --- oh.

MR. FUTULES: One more thing.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Go ahead, Representative Futules.

MR. FUTULES: I forgot. The parks have announced all of the free concerts that will be going on in South Park and Hartwood Acres. So you should go to the County website and parks and see all the wonderful groups that we have this year. And I actually plan to attend some of them myself. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Go ahead.

MR. FINNERTY: I wanted to mention something. I don't know if Councilman Palmiere mentioned about the Port Authority, that they not only extended a Baldwin bus, but they also --- Groveton is being extended. And they're doing another route, and I can't think of what it is at the moment, but they have extended a number of routes. And these people also have been needing a bus. I believe it's the RDIC (sic), my --- I think that's what it is.

MR. CATANESE: Yeah. It's the RIDC in O'Hara Township.

MR. FINNERTY: In O'Hara Township, they're going to have a bus going there also. So they've done quite a number of changes there for people. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. 8988-15.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the acceptance of a donation of materials from the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation and Highmark, Incorporated for the construction of a deck hockey rink to be located in the County's South Park. Sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go the Parks Committee. Public Comment on ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I have --- you skipped New Business motions.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I have a motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: May I speak to this briefly?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: This was some background before we get started. So I met this really interesting gentleman in the Strip District a couple --- about a month ago. And he was spray painting a picture of a young Andrew Carnegie. And so I got into a conversation with him, and he is interested in donating some of his ability around Allegheny County to sort of celebrate and commemorate some of our foremothers and forefathers. So I was working with Lori Sakkar (phonetic) to try to figure out how we could hook this gentleman up with some available spaces. And he wants to do his first installation --- he would do it gratis for the people of Allegheny County. And what she discovered was that on September 6th, 2005, County Council had passed a bill, 1728-04, which established a policy providing for an allocation for public art when the County provides capital funding through direct appropriation, subsidy or deferment of taxes.

And it also sets up a board, and the board is supposed to consist of nine members. Five members of the arts board shall be appointed by the County Council, four members shall be appointed by the chief executive, with the consent of at least a three --- at least a majority of the seated members of County Council. And as my motion

states, it appears that while there was a couple of appointments, it really didn't get going. I think it was originally sponsored by Mr. Robinson and by a former member, Mr. Price. It was signed into law by former President Fitzgerald and County Executive Onorato. And basically --- this is just a kind of bird's eye view of it --- we've probably not appropriated about a million dollars worth of money that is supposed to come out of the projects for public art.

And so this is already law. It's already on the books. But we have never put together the council. We don't have a board's members. And I thought that this would be a great thing to discuss, get it into committee and discuss it because I think, as I've said many times, you know, Allegheny County is not your grandfather's county any more. This is a place where young people are coming. This is a place where --- I like to say it has everything that New York has, only better. And it's going to be a great place to live and part of a great place to live is having public art. And we've already thought this through. We've already passed it. And so we just need to kind of get going on it. And it's --- our county is ready for this. We're ready to make this public art installation and to make this a really intriguing place to live and for people to come.

So I think I might have a second.

MS. MEANS: Yes. I wanted to second the motion.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And I'd like to ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, I'm going to put it to committee.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Put it to committee, yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll just put it in committee.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yeah. Okay.

MR. CATANESE: Can I read the caption?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. CATANESE: It's a motion of Council of Allegheny County. It's expressing the sense of Council of Allegheny County calling for necessary appointments to be made to the Public Arts Board of Allegheny County directed by Chapter 207 of the Code of Ordinances and calling for the organization and staffing of the Board so that the Public Arts requirement may be fulfilled according to County law. Sponsored by Council member Heidelbaugh.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We'll put that in the Public Works Committee unless somebody has an objection of putting it in committee. We'll put it right in committee. Okay. That'll go to committee then.

Next, we have non-agenda speakers. The first speaker is David Adams. Not here? Julia Johnson?

MS. JOHNSON: I'm here. Hello. Hi. My name is Julia Johnson. I'm with New Voices Pittsburgh, as well as the Allegheny County Jail Health Justice Project.

We have been advocating for about five months now for justice at the county jail which is suffering through a human rights violation crisis right now. We've spoken on this before at the Council, and I just wanted to give some updates on our progress with the project as it relates to the County as a whole.

For everybody in our community who ends up there and unfortunately suffers because of medical neglect. We have had protests and rallies, you know, really calling attention to the crisis at the jail. We have gotten into contact with many people whose loved ones are currently at the jail and are suffering. They have been asking us, begging us, to advocate on behalf of their loved ones.

We just had a protest last week at the jail where multiple people came up to us saying that they were currently, you know, fighting tooth and nail to get their loved ones the medicine that they needed, everything from stale seizure medication, you know, from, you know, their anti-psychotic medicine that they have not received for months. We have people who have been released from the jail and are suffering health consequences as a result of their time at the jail.

So this continues to be a crisis, and although our rally was taking place after County Council --- County Executive Rich Fitzgerald announced that the contract with Corizon Health was going to not be renewed and that they were seeking new healthcare providers, our project still says that it is not enough, that more needs to be done immediately, because in the months between now and August that the Corizon contract is going to be ushered out, there are still people suffering at the jail. So we are calling on all our representatives to act immediately and intervene on behalf of all the people suffering at the jail and their loved ones.

I have people with me tonight, Ms. Tomi Lynn Harris, whose son died in January at the jail, who did not

get his seizure medication after begging and asking for it for hours. He did not receive it, and as a result he died. So as we are advocating for people who are still suffering at the jail and for people who have died as a result of medical neglect, we're asking County Council to call for a public hearing so that people at the jail, their loved ones can testify as to what is happening at the jail, because it goes beyond Corizon.

It is also the COs at the jail, the warden, who is allowing --- who --- actually intervening and stopping medicine from being dispensed, who are stopping nurses from doing their jobs. So this is a serious human rights violation happening at our county jail, and we are just asking for every Council Member, for all of our elected officials, to act immediately and to help us in this crisis state. So thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We have two more speakers, but let me say this before I read them. I received, I don't know, 150, I didn't count them, 200 letters, and in the letter it states that they want help --- send a letter to me. They want help in getting rid of Corizon. I personally went to Rich Fitzgerald, and he agreed they're going to do something, which they're living up to that. But to let you people know, we don't control or work on contracts. That's not our job. But we will speak --- I'll speak for myself, for openers, but we will try to speak in your behalf like I've done already to try to help the situation as much as we can. But that job, as far as contracts and who's --- how they operate and what you --- getting in on it, we don't handle that. We --- but I did go to Rich and he agreed and he lived up to what he said, so ---.

Yes.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I think we have a rule that if we do respond to a speaker, then every member of Council gets to speak as well.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We don't --- I don't think we have any kind of rule like that in our ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: We do. We went through this before.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: What?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: We went thorough this before. Usually, we're not allowed to address, but if one of us does, then everyone gets a chance, so I'd like a chance.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Would you address that? I don't think there's a rule that states that.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No, you ---

MR. CAMBEST: I don't believe there is a rule ---

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: --- said that.

MR. CAMBEST: --- that we said that. But I think what was discussed was you could ask the President of Council to speak to them.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: May I speak?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, yes. I'll give you the --- I'm going to give you that opportunity to speak.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: But I tried to tell you, we don't have a rule like that, but go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you. I disagree with what the Council President just said. Contracts, of course, are controlled by the County Executive, but this Council can address human rights violations. This Council, each of us took an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States. And if there is violations of the Constitution in terms of prisoners who are not being accorded proper medical care, we all can address that. We can address it at any time. So that really is not accurate.

And I did respond to one of your members who asked me to co-sponsor a piece of legislation or a resolution to have a hearing about that. I said, yes, I'm happy to do that. I think we should have more conversations. And I also don't think we should --- to wait until the Corizon contract is expired. If there are people who are dying in the jail, we need to fix it yesterday.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let me correct one thing. I said we do not handle contracts or negotiate contracts. Okay? As far as --- like you said, as far as someone passing away or things of that nature, we could address it. But I was talking about the contracts. I have letters on --- asking to get rid of Corizon. I couldn't get rid of them or Council couldn't, but I went to Fitzgerald and he did. That's what I'm talking about.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: But we haven't gotten rid of ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Heather, I have to --- look, you have to follow the rules.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: May I speak?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes. Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: We haven't gotten rid of Corizon. What we said was we're not going to re-up a contract with them. We have --- as far as I understand from the --- from what I know, which is what I read in the papers --- I don't get any special information --- I don't know what it is that Allegheny County is doing to supplement the horrible care that Corizon is giving. Corizon was able to get the contract because they pulled all the doctors out. Okay? We have the highest rate of deaths in the country, and I don't know what it is that our administration is doing to get in there and stop this. I still don't know.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just want to make a ---. Because you know, we're kind of looking at this thing from a blind eye, to be honest with you. I mean, there is aspersions being cast. It's my understanding that there is a committee that is chaired by Judge Williams; correct?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: They have a jail board --- once a month.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: So what I was thinking, perhaps maybe if Council would ask for a report from the meetings that they have, it might add some substance and some reality to what is being said here or what's being guessed here. It's just a thought. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, yeah, there's a big meeting Thursday. But go ahead. Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Judge Williams has been before the Budget and Finance Committee, and he's --- will be back in about a month before us again. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: And also, there's a meeting with him on Thursday. Okay. Seeing no more questions on that, let's go with Tomi Lynn Harris.

MS. HARRIS: My name is Tomi Lynn Harris, and first of all, I would just like to appreciate everybody for even listening. You know, you set on that board and some of you all look dismayed. That was my child. I see you, Mr. Robinson, ride through the hill. You know, everybody acts like this subject is taboo. I lost a whole child about two pills. Two pills that he begged for when he came in. Begged for when he was there. And thanks to the great warden and Joe Williams, that's being neglected. My son should still be here. I'm a taxpayer, and I would

not mind taking commissary and a collect phone call. But I didn't get that option. I had no press from the City besides for the City paper. I had to go to The Guardian in Bloomgard (phonetic) to get light on this situation. I go to those meetings all the time with Joe Williams. He talks to me like I'm a animal. Shut up. No. This. That. Barks at me. Is that how the Council is supposed to work? I'm there for solutions. I want to find out what happened to my son. I want to know how you all would feel being handcuffed, shackled, a mask put on your face and then rolled over and you're unresponsive. You got more --- you gave more, Ellenbergen (sic), on the deer the last time I was here than my son. None of ya'll come to that meeting. None of ya'll are making Joe Williams be accountable for what he said. How many more deaths? So far there's been four. I come here all the time. Mental health is attacked. They are being attacked over there. You have a warden and a judge, so I want to say it like this. Blue shirts, white shirts, black roads.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: You can keep talking.

MR. FINNERTY: You're not done.

MS. HARRIS: They need to be held accountable. I feel like my son was a campaign contribution to everyone that sits here. How many more campaign contributions are we going to do before somebody says not one more? I love my son despite what ya'll write about him and what ya'll think about him. He was still a human being. He was still my son, and I miss him. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Bret Grote. Is Bret here?

MS. HARRIS: No.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. All right. Does someone want to make a motion to adjourn?

MR. PALMIERE: I make a motion.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:50 P.M.

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